

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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RAILWAY INFRASTRUCTURE IN N.E. REGION
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways are aware that the present infrastructure of railways in all the States of North-East Region (NER) is lagging behind in comparison to the rest of the country;
- (b) if so, whether the Railways have taken up any special package to improve the same;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b) to (d): Railways have taken up 12 new line, 4 gauge conversion and 1 doubling projects at a total cost of Rs.24104.54 crore for the development of rail infrastructure in the North Eastern Region. A dedicated non lapsable fund namely "North Eastern Region Rail Development Fund" (NERRDF) has been created for providing assured fund flow to National Projects of Northeast Region.